

Minutes of the
State Board of Acupuncture
October 1, 1999

The State Board of Acupuncture meeting was called to order by Emi Miller, Chair, at 9:10 a.m., Friday, October 1, 1999 at the Bureau of Occupational Licenses, Owyhee Plaza, 1109 Main Street, Suite 220, Boise, Idaho.

Roll Call: Emi Miller, Chair
 Rand Peebles, Board Member
 Therese Hahn, Board Member
 Jack Long, Board Member
 Representative Bill Sali, Consultant

Bureau Staff: Budd Hetrick, Jr., Acting Bureau Chief
 Roger Hales, Administrative Attorney
 John Kersey, Supervising Investigator
 Kirsten Wallace, Deputy Attorney General
 Dee Ann Randall, Administrative Secretary

Absent/Excused: Maggie Blair, Board Member

Minutes

Moved by Rand Peebles, seconded by Jack Long and carried that the minutes of the August 13, 1999 board meeting and August 23, 1999 conference call be approved.

Financial Report

Mr. Hetrick informed the Board that normally a written financial report would be presented to the Board. However, at this time, our internal report has not been generated and the Bureau Accountant, Bill Kichok, is out of the office. Application and original license fees have been deposited as the fees are received in the Bureau.

Board Member Expense Reimbursement

The Board discussed the reimbursement of board members expenses incurred for attendance at the board meetings. Mr. Hetrick stated that expenses could be reimbursed according to the Acupuncture Statute, however, before this can be done, board members must enroll in PERSI, the state retirement system in order to be set up for payroll. It is the desire of the board members to not be members of PERSI, the state retirement system. Mr. Hetrick will see if it is possible to set the board members up for payroll and not enroll them in the retirement system.

Contract between the Board and Bureau

Mr. Hetrick informed the Board that the contract between the Board and the Bureau was being finalized and would be available for their review at their next board meeting.

Wall Certificates

The Board looked at drafts of wall certificates for licensed acupuncturists, certified acupuncturists and acupuncture technicians. Moved by Rand Peebles, seconded by Jack Long and carried that the board accepts the wall certificates with changing the wording to "Idaho Acupuncture Board".

Moved by Tess Hahn, seconded by Rand Peebles, that after further discussion concerning the acupuncture technician wall certificates the Board rescind their action on approval of the wall certificates at this time. Motion carried.

Review of Statues and Rules

Discussion of the acupuncture statues and rules was held with input for those attending the meeting.

Chiropractors and Naturopaths in attendance at the meeting asked what the requirements for them would be to obtain their acupuncture certification. Emi Miller stated that along with their chiropractic degree, until July, 2000, they would have to meet the requirements for full or associate membership of the American Academy of Medical Acupuncture, or for fellowship in the International Academy of Medical Acupuncture, Inc. Such membership or fellowship requires completion of a 100 hour didactic program, and 200 hours direct clinical application, and completion of 25 written case studies as required for peer review, for a total of 400 hours and the passage of an examination.

Oriental Bodywork Therapists in attendance at the meeting expressed their concerns on having an acupuncture/oriental bodywork therapist license issued. The individuals in attendance interested in pursuing Oriental Bodywork Therapist certification will submit a scope of practice and training outline to the board for their review. The question was asked to Roger Hales, Administrative Attorney, if this was possible. Further review of the law will be done to see if it is possible to issue licenses for sub-specialty areas of acupuncture.

Rogers Hales will draft a letter stating that the acupuncture law is now in effect and those practicing acupuncture must obtain licensure/certification. This will be a general letter that can be sent to chiropractors in the state, dentists and other interested groups.

Investigative Report

John Kersey, supervising investigator, provided each board member with copies of how the complaint procedure is handled and answered questions asked by the board members.

Kirsten Wallace, Deputy Attorney General, explained the prosecution of complaints and the procedure followed.

Executive Session

Moved by Rand Peebles, seconded by Jack Long and carried that the Board go into executive session to discuss administrative matters and review applications. The time being 2:20 p.m.

Moved by Rand Peebles, seconded by Tess Hahn the Board comes out of executive session at 5:30 p.m.

The matter of a contract between the Board and Roger Hales was tabled until the appointment of a new Bureau Chief is made.

Bill Sali will submit a proposal to the Board for review and consideration to employ him as their consultant.

Applications Reviewed

The Board reviewed 19 applications for licensure/certification and approved seven (7) applications for licensure.

Upon approval of the Board, the following licenses were issued:

Bruce W. Douglas	ACU-5
Shelagh Foley	ACU-6
Jean M. Kutty	ACU-7
Howard M. Lee	ACU-8
Leonard C. Stevenson	ACU-9
Barry N. Webb	ACU-10
Rosemary Yocum	ACU-11

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Approved 11/12/99